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The provisions of the Act have later been extended to persons employed in the following industrial establishments :—

(1) Tramway and Motor Omnibus Services.

(2) Mines [except section 8 (4)].

(3) Plantation.

(4) Industrial establishments within the meaning of sub-clause (*f*) of clause (ii) of section 2 of the Payment of Wages Act which have been or may be declared to be factories under section 85 of the Factories Act, 1948.

Sri N. K. PALANISAMY : ஷாப் அண்ட் எஸ்டாபிளிஷ்மெண்ட் ஆக்ட் இருக்கக்கூடிய பல தொழில்களுக்கும் பேமெண்ட் ஆப் வேஜஸ் ஆக்டை கொண்டுவருவதற்கு சர்க்கார் என்ன நடவடிக்கை எடுக்கும் ?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : அதைப்பற்றி தனி கேள்வி போட்டால் அதற்கு பதில் சொல்லுகிறேன்.

Uniform wages for all classes of workers.

* 2422 *Q*.—Sri K. R. VISWANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there was any proposal before the Government to fix a uniform minimum daily wage for all classes of labourers ; and

(*b*) if so, why it has not been given effect to?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) No, Sir.

(*b*) Does not arise.

Sri K. R. VISWANATHAN : With regard to wages, the factory labourers are governed by the Factory Laws. In the case of agricultural labourers and other casual labourers, the wages are unsettled. Their daily wages are too low and their standard of living deteriorates from day to day. They are unable to meet their daily requirements even from out of these low wages. Will the Government therefore come forward to fix a uniform minimum daily wage for all classes of labourers with a view to raising the standard of living of all labourers and as a measure of laying down the foundations of a socialistic pattern of society?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Sir, the whole question is under the examination of the Government.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : With the permission of the House I will take five more minutes and finish the rest of the questions.